

Appl. No. 09/774,558  
Atty. Docket No. 7997  
Amdt. dated 10/15/2003  
Reply to Office Action of 04/15/2003  
Customer No. 27752

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 09/774,558  
Applicant(s) : Mitchell Anthony deLong et al.  
Filed : January 31, 2001  
Title : Cosmetic And Pharmaceutical Compositions And Methods  
Using 2-Decarboxy 2-Phosphinico Derivatives  
TC/A.U. : 1615  
Examiner : Channavajjala, Lakshmi Sarada  
Conf. No. : 3530  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action dated 15 April 2003, please amend the above-captioned case as follows and consider the subsequent Remarks. The Applicants hereby respectfully request entry of the Request for Continued Examination submitted herewith. Moreover, the Applicants hereby petition the Office for a three-month extension of time in which to prosecute the present application. In this respect, the Applicants hereby authorize the Office to charge any and all necessary fees, and credit any overpayment thereof, to maintain the pendency of the present application, to the Applicants' Deposit Account, No. 16-2480.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 2 of this paper.

*Remarks* begin on page 13 of this paper.